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In re Patent Application of:)
Kazue SUMIDA et al.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No. 10/779,775) Group Art Unit: 3612
Filed: February 18, 2004)
For: SEAT STORING STRUCTURE FOR A VEHICLE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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Applicants cite documents herein that were cited in a European Search Report (copy attached) for Application No. EP-04-00-4890 which claims priority from the same priority application as the instant application. Specifically US-3,174,799; US-6,416,107; US-2003-0006637; DE-40-29-605; DE-42-37-258; JP-11-198697; and JP-2001-63421 were cited therein.

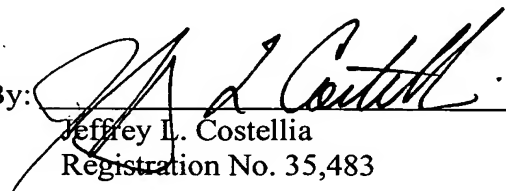
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Respectfully submitted,

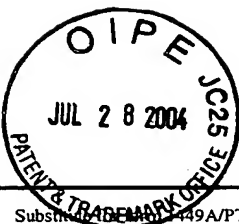
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